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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2006, be extended for three months to and including November 30, 2006.

Enclosed is a check for \$510 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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